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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Matter of the Application of: H. Herrmann, et al.

For: **Improved Contact for Error Resistant Coupling of Electrical Signals**

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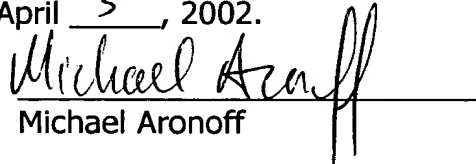
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RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

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Michael Aronoff

Sir:

This response is in reply to the first Office Action mailed December 3, 2001 (Paper No. 3) for the above identified application. This response is being filed within the first month after expiration of the three month shortened statutory period for response set in the Office Action. A separate petition and fee for a one month extension of time, which resets the deadline for response to April 3, 2002, is being filed concurrently with this response.

Charge any fee associated with this response and credit any overcharge to Deposit Account No. 23-1950.